

# CIL-Y-CWM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES

### Annual General Meeting 2013

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> January 2014

**Venue:** Neuadd Fawr Arms

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Attendees:** Roger Hemmings (Chair), Fay Wielochowska (Treasurer), Thelma Stenning (Secretary), Sara Fox, Ann McKnight, Chris Robertson, Dafydd Tomos

**Apologies:** Hedley & Diane Addis and Dick Turner

Roger welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for their work during the past year.

The minutes from the 2012 AGM were read and agreed. Matters arising – it was noted that no fund raising events had been held during 2012.

#### **Secretary's report – Thelma Stenning**

The Ysgoldy Fach restoration proposal has been put on hold whilst on-going enquiries are underway re the future of Ysgol Cilycwm.

A small Working Group of 6 members was formed earlier in the year to make enquiries into the future of Cilycwm School once it has officially closed. This group has reported on its progress to this association and the Cilycwm Community Council.

The latest information is that a skeletal staff will remain at Cilycwm School until the end of this term (Easter). After Easter the process of closure will officially begin with Carmarthenshire C. C. charged with maintaining and managing the buildings until the Diocese take them back and oversee their future. The Diocese have noted the Working Group's interest, on behalf of Cilycwm Community, and have registered the group as the primary interested party in the future of Cilycwm School.

The Working Group proposes to hold an open public meeting to gather the views of Cilycwm residents and those from the surrounding area on the possible options for developing a community centre for the village.

Earlier in the year we discussed the possibility of having the village street lighting switched off between midnight and dawn to enable us to enjoy a 'dark sky'. We asked that the Cilycwm Community Council discuss this at a meeting which they did in March. However in their response they felt they wished to canvas local opinion on this matter before coming to any decision, particularly as they were 'mindful of the Public safety needs of the village where there are a number of elderly residents'. Following the resignation, through ill health, of Rev. Wendy Foulgar, a new Reader, Ann McKnight was appointed to cover the three parishes of Cilycwm, Rhandir-mwyn and Cynghordy.

Dafydd reported on the completion of the Broadband Project with up to 1,000 residents now receiving Broadband using the system supplied by ResQ.

It is anticipated that the Archery Club will be re-launched in the spring with generous support from funds to be transferred from the now defunct Cricket Club.

As Menter Bro Dinefwr is no longer holding a Gwyl at Glangwenlais Farm, Roger proposed that we organise a Cilycwm Carnival to take place the first or second weekend in July. Initially two possible areas for Grant funding have been identified for a sub-group to pursue:

1. The Heritage Lottery Fund which fund offers £3K – 10K grants and has an area which covers Cultures and Memories. Details from their website [www.hlf.org.uk](http://www.hlf.org.uk)
2. 'Awards for All' offering between £500 - £5,000 – applications for funding must be submitted 3 months in advance. Details from their website [www.biglotteryfund.org.uk](http://www.biglotteryfund.org.uk)

### **Finance report – Fay Wielochowska**

Peter Green had inspected and agreed the CCA's 2012 accounts which show a loss of £293.51p. (see attached summary). A full financial statement is available on request. Peter has agreed to inspect the 2013 CCA accounts on our behalf.

The Bore Cofi group made a donation from their 2012 income to the Community Field.

The Craft Group that used to meet at Cilycwm School met during 2013 at Stephanie Jones's house, we therefore had no hire expenditure for the group but it was agreed that we should still maintain the group's activities under our insurance.

Dafydd requested the proposed loan of £1,000 to the History Project be increased to £1,500, this was agreed by all. On receipt of the grant the loan will be repaid to the CCA.

### **Website Moderator's report – Dick Turner**

The website kept track of the typical low-key events in this very rural area. There was a brief burst of excitement when we passed 500,000 on the clock of page views, but it seems the vast majority were robots looking for spamming opportunities. In a similar vein we had lots of new subscribers with names composed mostly of consonants, until Chris managed to find a way to stop them. I would like to record out thanks to Chris particularly for the large amount of work he had to do recently to restore the site from a serious technical glitch. Thanks also to the other members of the team – William and Dafydd who kept a steady watch on the posts and comments and were able to help most of the dozen or so enquiries we had about ancestors, one of whom was a Theophilus incidentally.

Taking a selection of the posts month by month, we began the year with an excellent concert in the church by the local Cor Cyswllt led by Aled Edwards.

In **February** there was a Valentine's Night party at the Towy Bridge Inn. This venue kept up a steady trickle of events throughout the year, with the highlight being the Centenary Festival in August.

In **March** we published a fascinating epitaph for Dafydd Davies by William Theophilus, who also kept us well supplied with photographs of pretty much anything which happened in Cilycwm.

The police warned us about suspicious fish sellers, one of many neighbourhood watch alerts which did little to dent our reputation as an area where you have to look hard to find anything which could be called a crime.

In **April** we reported on Matt Page's amazing cycle ride from north to south Wales virtually non-stop.

A question about places where one could take a dog swimming got a lively response in **May**, with the consensus favouring the junction pool.

The archery club had its first meeting in June at Glangwenlais farm, and continued monthly meetings until the show.

In **July** we announced the premiere, in the school, of a Welsh Language film about the area, and had a warning from the police about the dangers of leaving windows open in hot weather! There was also a distinct lack of complaint about the weather at the show on August bank holiday – a perfect sunny day for a change.

In **September** someone asked if anyone knew someone called Sally. It didn't take long to pin that one down to Sally Gordon.

Also sadly noticeable in September was the silence in the school yard, with the school finally closing its doors. The sharp eyed will also have noticed that we have some new plastic signs advertising the website which Chris and I fixed in suitably discreet situations around the village. I'm glad to say we were able to make them for a quarter of the budget set aside: £25.

We ended the year with the discovery of a Cilycwm dresser for sale on Ebay and its repatriation, and a Boxing Day meet of the hunt in the village.

### **History Group Report – Sara Fox**

The Farms and Field Names book has been partly translated (Rhandirmwyn section), the Cilycwm section is being proof read for translation, with the 75,000 words being edited and reduced to 50,000. The submission to the printer is likely to be early March, at this point the first of the 2 stage payments will be needed. Also there will be some separate payments required to cover charges made by the National Library in Aberystwyth for photographs of their particular images. All these costs will be covered by the grant. The distribution of the finished book was discussed and it was agreed this should be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Additional items briefly discussed are to be included on the agenda for the next meeting include:

- I. Wifi provision by ResQ for visitors in the village, costs, grants etc.,
- II. Extending our e mail list to inform a wider audience of CCA activities.
- III. Proposed revival of a Carnival, grants and organising sub-group
- IV. Management of Cilycwm Community Field

### **Election of Officers**

Dafydd proposed that the same three officers, Roger (Chair), Fay (Treasurer) and Thelma (Secretary) be voted en bloc to stand again for a second year, this was seconded by Chris and with all in agreement the current team remains.

The AGM then closed.

### **First 2014 committee meeting**

Date: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2014  
Venue: Neuadd Fawr Arms  
Time: 7:30 p.m.